

THE COURTS.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

of the Officers of the Ship

Verdict in the Hewitt Case.
In the case of Isaac L. Hewitt, who had petitioned the court for a discharge in bankruptcy, the jury returned a verdict for the petitioner. The discharge was opposed by Messrs. Gerly and Robinson, of New York.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Verdict in the South Brooklyn Explosion Case.
Before Judge Thompson.
In the case of Catherine Thappen vs. Langdon R. Goodwin, which was an action to recover damages growing out of an explosion occurring in a house let to the defendant, the jury returned a verdict of \$2,947.62 for plaintiff.

Alleged Cheating in a Horse Trade.
Theodore Pryor vs. Mary.—On the 8th of April, 1885, plaintiff bought a horse of defendant for \$400 on the assurance of the latter that the animal was sound. It turned out that the horse was worth less than \$100. Defendant admitted the sale, but denied the warranty, and alleged that the plaintiff examined and drove the horse before the sale. Verdict not yet rendered.

BROOKLYN INTELLIGENCE.

ACCIDENT.—A boy named William Mulligan, ten years of age, had two fingers of his right hand cut off by a hay cutting machine with which he was working at the residence of his father, John Mulligan, in the rear of his residence, corner of Throop and Dekalb avenues.

Held for the Grand Jury.—Ann Cunningham, a woman about thirty years of age, was arraigned before Justice Belmar yesterday, on the charge of abandoning her infant child, which was born out of wedlock to her and a man named McLean, in the year of 1882, and was held to await the action of the Grand Jury.

INCENDIARY FIRE IN WILLIAMSBURG.—An attempt was made at about two o'clock yesterday morning to burn the residence of Mr. H. Rincken, Herbert street, near Graham avenue, but the flames were fortunately discovered by fire officers McKee and the Forty-sixth precinct, in time to prevent a conflagration and probable loss of life. The Assistant Fire Marshal found a bottle of kerosene oil and a bundle of matches between the weather boards and plastering of the building where the fire was kindled, showing conclusively the origin of the fire. The cause of the burning was undoubtedly the result of their peril until awakened by the officer named.

THE WEEKSVILLE TRAGEDY.—DRAKE HELD FOR TRIAL.—Francis Drake, the negro who shot and killed William Fitzpatrick at Weeksville, or Crown Hill, on Sunday, the 13th instant, but who was exonerated by the coroner's jury on the ground that the shooting was done in self-defence, was up for examination before Justice Riley yesterday. It appears that the brother of the deceased being dissatisfied with the verdict of the coroner's jury, had obtained from the coroner's jury, determined upon bringing the case before a higher tribunal, and, therefore, procured a warrant for Drake's arrest, which was duly served on him yesterday. As the examination of the case has been held before the Justice of the Peace above named, and the testimony elicited has been of a nature to prevent the detection of the guilty party, it is expected that the trial will be held before the Grand Jury.

SUBURBAN INTELLIGENCE.

NEW JERSEY.

Jersey City.

DIABOLICAL OUTRAGE.—A man giving his name as George Walters called at an intelligence office on the Bowery, New York, on Thursday and engaged a young girl to go to the country, near Elizabeth, to act as nurse. The girl consented and went as far as the Elizabeth depot, on the New Jersey Railroad, when Walters told her the house was but a short distance from the railroad. They walked together until they reached an unfrequented station where, as charged, he perpetrated an offence which, for decency and humanity's sake, should not be mentioned. The unfortunate girl states that hethen gave her a knife which she used to defend herself against what happened to any of her friends, and that he would bring her back safely to New York. She attempted to get off, but he followed her and knocked her down. They entered the cars at the depot afterwards, and on arriving at Jersey city, about midnight, the girl called on Mr. W. F. Rankin to hold Walters. He was arrested and brought before Recorder Martindale yesterday morning, who committed him to await the action of the authorities in the town of Newark, where the alleged offence took place in Lombard street, Baltimore. The young girl belongs to a family residing in Eighth street, New York.

MYSTERIOUS CASE.—On Thursday night, as the steamer O'Clock car of the Favoira avenue line arrived at the Long Dock, the driver left the car, at the same time remarking to the conductor that he would reappear in a minute. He walked towards the stables at the end of the dock and has not been seen since. His wife must have met with foul play or fallen into the hands of some villain. A search was made for his body, but in vain.

Hoboken.

THE TAX AND SALARY ORDINANCE has given rise to serious discussion, and a public meeting to protest against the increase of salaries to certain city officers already well paid is proposed. The hard work of the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council is comparatively poor remuneration.

SERIOUS RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.—Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Cummes, aged fifty years, was driving a wagon in Washington street, near Ninth, when the horse became frightened and dashed towards the railroad at a furious rate. The wagon collided with another, and the driver was thrown to pieces, while the occupant being violently thrown, and the horse was dangerously wounded in the snuff, and was removed to her residence in Washington street. Her injuries probably will be fatal.

Union Hill.

ANOTHER RUNAWAY CASUALTY.—Mrs. David Koth, residing in Union street, on Union Hill, was driving a horse and wagon yesterday afternoon, when the animal took fright and ran away. He rapidly turned a corner and dashed the vehicle against a heap of stones, at the same time hurting Mrs. Koth from her seat and dashing her head upon the sharp point of a stone, so that she sustained internal injuries. She was dangerously wounded in the snuff, and was promptly removed, but her wounds are yet of a dangerous character. The horse was captured unhurt, and fortunately no other person was injured.

Bergen City.

THE BERGEN INSTITUTE.—The closing exercises of the Bergen Institute were held last evening, at Library Hall, in the presence of a select assemblage. The exercises consisted of original essays, declamation, vocal and instrumental music. A poem, entitled "The Convention," was recited by the young ladies in a most interesting and pleasing manner. The singing, both solo and chorale, was highly appreciated by the large audience. The institute was the object of much commendation at the close of the proceedings, and the principal was congratulated on the successful termination of the year. The proceeds will be applied for the purchase of a piano for the school.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE HORSE RAILROAD.—A young lad, fifteen years of age, named Hiram Holden, who is employed to drive an extra horse on the Bergen Railroad at the hill, on Monticello avenue, was beating the horse with a whip on Thursday evening, when Mr. Hopewell, superintendent of the road, observed him doing so, and accordingly issued a summons to appear before the mayor, and it is alleged, he struck the lad three heavy blows with his whip, one blow raising a welt on his cheek, and the gentleman who witnessed this act voluntarily to the station-house and had a warrant issued for the arrest of the superintendent. The boy is an orphan and has no friends in Bergen.

Trenton.

A YOUTHFUL CRIMINAL.—Yesterday afternoon a smart, intelligent looking lad named Arthur McCrory, aged about fourteen years, was arraigned before the Mayor, on a charge preferred against him by his mother, Catharine McCrory, of Broad street, in taking her pocketbook, containing forty-nine cents and a half dollars, on Tuesday last, and taking a trip to New York to see the sights of Gotham. The young man, who is a native of Trenton, was found him rioting in the dissipation of youth and having all the money spent except ten cents. The young lad seemed in no wise contrite, and coolly remarked that he was going to New York to see the sights of Gotham, and he said that he only contained \$39.70, nineteen cents and four-fifths of a cent, and, offering themselves as witnesses, the police officers and constables, visited a theatre to witness the performance of the spectacular exhibition, which attracted a large number of people, and to hear any further relation of his extraordinary precocity, and ordered him to be sent to the county jail pending his removal to the State Reform School at Newkirk.

Newark.

RAILED.—Dr. Pettie, the Elizabeth physician, who was arrested and committed on a charge of defrauding the estate of the late Dr. Pettie, was released yesterday.

signed as an ordi- | eight carpenters, the employees of John W. Romaine.

NEW YORK, June 24, 1869.

THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.—An article appeared in your issue of the 22d inst., under the head of "The Erie Railroad Accident," which reflects unjustly upon the present administration. Permit me space in your columns to reply to such portion of the article as reflects particularly matters connected with the department under my personal supervision. Mr. Ryan came to us from the Troy and Boston Railroad on the 3d of March. During the administration of Mr. Riddle, our late general superintendent, bringing good letters of recommendation, and being also personally known to me, I employed him as chief engineer. He was assigned to service by my order. He has been constantly employed since that time, and prior to the accident at Passaic bridge I would have been glad to employ him as chief engineer. He is a first class engineer. No engineers have been dismissed during the administration of Mr. Rucker except for cause; neither have there been inefficient employees employed. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Superintendent of Motive Power and Machinery.

LAWLESSNESS IN KENTUCKY.

Incendiarism and Woman Whipping by Mounted Marauders.

[From the Louisville Courier and Journal, June 23.]

Mrs. Lacina Green, a woman who has been living in Louisville, arrived in this city yesterday morning, reported by the St. Louis Dispatch as Superintendent of Police, a most unpleasant connection of affairs in Lincoln county. She stated that she had been driven from her home on a farm owned by her mother, and that one night about three weeks ago a party of men, under the leadership of one Henderson Hooch, had come to her house, and that she had been driven from it, and whom they intended to hang, because he had refused to join them. They called themselves Kunkin, but she said that they were not. They were in connection with the dangerous and powerful organization. Two of them had their coats turned inside out, and all of them had been drinking freely. They were in the house for some time, and one of them, a quarter of a mile from Mrs. Green's, and had come to her house on foot. Their expedition was made with the idea of finding Jimmy Green at home, but he had gone to green county. He fully three months before, though he was supposed to be hidden somewhere in or near the house. Mrs. Green and her two sons, who were about thirteen miles from St. Louis at home when the visitors arrived, about midnight, and one of them, Bill McCord, at once made his way to Jimmy Green's farm, where he was supposed to be hidden. He was there for some time, and then, Mrs. Green, crying out, "I've got him!" but the woman freeing herself, seized a chair, knocked him down, and then, assailing him with her fist, for a few minutes. McCord soon dragged her out of the house, making a terrible fuss over her bruises, and almost the entire party, except one, who was supposed to be one of them, cried, "Give her fifty lashes and let her go." She was struck several times with switches, and one of the party, she alleges, knocked her down. She was then taken to a place where she was taken by Will Walls jerked two button rings from her finger under the impression that they were valuable. After that, the inmates of the house had all been hustled out of the house, and turned up. They were in the building, which was soon burned to the ground.

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